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Coming back from Katrina

*As the Gulf Coast gears up for another hurricane season,
we're recapping Alaska BLMers' experiences helping the area
recover from last year's devastation.*

Editor's note: The employees profiled here are just a few of the many BLM-Alaska employees who served in disaster relief positions with various emergency groups from around the state. We're proud of their efforts and thank them for stepping up to the challenge!

According to numbers from the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) in Boise, Idaho, Alaska BLMers were among 117 BLM volunteers nationwide who took part in recovery efforts following Hurricane Katrina's destruction in late August 2005.

Seasonal employee **Richard Haynes**, IT specialists **Mike Stonerock** and **Gary Jamieson**, Associate Deputy State Director for Support Services **Pam Chesla** and Deputy State Director for Support Services **Vince Galterio** were among those deployed.

Galterio, who was serving on the New Mexico Interagency Incident Management Team at the time, was with one of the first relief groups to reach New Orleans and was at the Superdome the day before Katrina struck. His team processed incoming truckloads of water, ice, Meals Ready-to-Eat (MREs) and other



MIKE STONEROCK, ASO

HURRICANE DAMAGED MEMORIAL: On the way to New Orleans, BLM-Alaska State Office employees Mike Stonerock and Gary Jamieson toured some of the damaged areas in Biloxi, Miss., on Thanksgiving Day. The memorial pictured above was for victims of a previous hurricane that struck the area.

goods before sending them into the disaster area. Since joining the Incident Management Team (IMT) in 1996, he's been involved with rescues following floods, earthquakes, fires and other disasters at least five times a year.

Galterio witnessed communications problems, but he was glad to be a part of the support team that provided victims with the essentials.

"Relief was there," Galterio says, "but the first channels to relief efforts were not available because the people of New Orleans had evacuated the city. The problem was just

unreliable communications. If a system depends on local government and there's no one to communicate with because the city's evacuated – there's the problem. Louisiana's difficulties were with not fully implementing an Incident Command structure and establishing a unified command with federal, state and local officials.

"Prior to Katrina's landfall, FEMA had pre-staged five trucks of water and two trucks of MREs at the Superdome," says Galterio. "IMT responders provided record levels of support to Katrina victims, and I was

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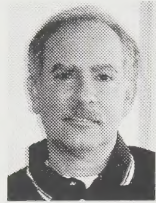
Alaska



KATRINA, from front page

directly involved in sending out trucks to deliver food and water, especially ice water. The babies needed water."

Now that he's transferred from New Mexico to Alaska, Galterio will serve as a



GALTERIO

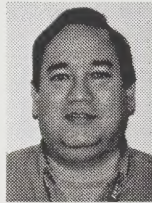
responder for the DOI Response Plan. As part of the Interagency Incident Management Group, he will determine where to send supplies, food and water in response to a disaster.

Richard Haynes, a seasonal employee in the Facilities Management Branch (AK-953), was on-site in Baton Rouge, La., for a month last fall. Haynes, who was stationed at an old defense depot as part of a FEMA logistics team, was tasked with ordering, purchasing and managing factory-direct trailers.

"The interagency team

— including the BLM, Forest Service and other federal agencies — worked seven days a week, 15 hours a day for two weeks straight processing trailers," explains Haynes. "About 100 or so trailers were already there and 15,000 more were coming in. Finding space, maneuvering and parking hundreds of trailers, especially the 30- and 40-footers, was no easy job."

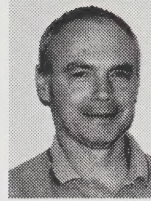
Mike Stonerock and **Gary Jamieson**, both State Office employees and former active duty military, were deployed to Hattiesburg, Miss., in December.



STONEROCK

Federal employees deployed to the disaster areas were on-site to protect the government interests.

Stonerock explained that all up-rooted trees, tree limbs and brush had to be cleared for right-of-way traffic. Opossum, armadillo and smashed rattlesnake



JAMIESON

carcasses littered roads, lawns and grounds of homes and other buildings. Stonerock worked with a crew clearing brush and debris in a suburban area.

Jamieson was assigned to work in the countryside as a group leader for a crew of local 18-to-20 year-olds. "The toughest part of my job was keeping a watchful eye out to make sure the crews wore safety goggles, steel-toed shoes, chaps and were careful with those chainsaws."

Pam Chesla, or "Miss Pam" as she was addressed by the hotel staff, returned to Alaska in April following her deployment to the hurricane-battered city. With the exception of safety experts, Chesla's duty wraps up future deployments of volunteers to the South.

Chesla ensured that homes weren't being damaged while crews

cleaned up trees. Chesla said that "homes" meant everything from mansions in Plantation Alley to trailers.

"No government employee did the hands-on work," she explains. "FEMA funded the debris removal project and the Army Corps hired the contractors. We were there to protect the government's interests." Like Jamieson, she had to remind the young crew about safety.

Just to get to work, Chesla drove 40 miles one-way, up and over a "really high" bridge spanning the "Mighty Missy-Sippy," and then put in 10 or more hours a day seven days a week. But, Chesla says she felt as if she was doing something constructive for the locals. "The homeowners really appreciated volunteers being there."



CHESLA

— Ella Wright,
Alaska State Office

Safety training to include avian flu component

State Safety Manager Ken Higgins says this year's safety training for field employees and others will outline precautions when encountering potentially infected birds and small mammals. To date, the rare transmission of avian flu to humans has occurred primarily from those in close contact with infected domestic poultry. It's prudent to assume that it can also be contracted through direct contact with infected wild birds. The virus has already been identified in wild birds, including migratory waterfowl, in several Asian and European countries; it has also recently been identified in a small mammal, the European marten. Alaska is a flyway and it is anticipated that if avian flu comes to North America, it will likely do so through Alaska, possibly this spring. Field biologists working in direct contact with wild birds or small mammals will be advised about safe handling practices; all other field-going employees will

INFLUENZA ACTIVITY IN ALASKA

Presently, there are no reported cases of avian or human Asian H5N1 influenza in Alaska. The State Epidemiology reports show influenza activity peaked in mid-January and then subsided. However, people should continue to exercise normal precautions to avoid the flu. For current information on surveillance and influenza activity in Alaska, go to www.epi.hss.state.ak.us/id/influenza/influenza.jsp



receive instructions for responding to dead birds or animals they may encounter.

The U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game have compiled an extensive bird sampling

plan soon to be released on their Web sites. The plan will contain maps and detail spring and fall activities. Activities include the collection of samplings from live birds during the biologists' regular field season and increased surveillance of unexpected mortality events and die-offs.

The Alaska State Department of Health and Social Services — working with Fish and Game, Environmental Conservation, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of Agriculture and Fish and Wildlife Service — is taking the lead in preparing for a possible flu pandemic, an explosive and often deadly person-to-person transmission of avian flu. More information can be found at www.pandemicflu.alaska.gov. BLM employees and public land users can expect periodic information on avian and pandemic flu from the Office of Communications.

— Danielle Allen,
Alaska State Office

[employee profile]

He's in the Money

Once on welfare, setting goals helped ASO's Gregg reach top budget position

A little more than 16 years ago, Rick Gregg banked on becoming BLM-Alaska's budget officer. He set career goals, took calculated risks, and devised strategies on how to reach his target. Then, on Nov. 15, 2005, Gregg was promoted to fill the vacant state budget officer position.

Rick's money management career success reads like a rags-to-riches story. He was 31 years old when he moved from Oregon to Alaska in June 1982.

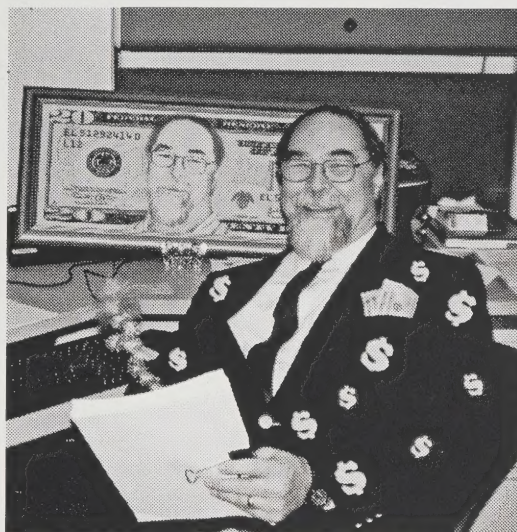
Before joining the BLM, he worked in heavy construction digging 10-foot deep ditches and manhandling, lifting and laying huge water pipes. Usually, he was out of work during Alaska's long, dark and cold winter months because of the frozen ground. That meant money was in short supply for Rick, his two young sons and his wife.

"Occasionally we used food stamps," Rick recalls. "We were on welfare once because that was better than getting a job at McDonald's."

Rick's work in heavy construction ended after he suffered a broken hip in an auto accident. After convalescing, he went to Alaska's Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) where he received skill and aptitude testing.

"I wanted to learn to fix computers, but I tested highest in accounting," Rick says. "So DVR sent me to Alaska Business College where I majored in accounting and got an associate degree in applied business."

Rick started his career as an accounting technician for the BLM in July 1989 — the beginning of a steady job and a year-round paycheck.



VANESSA RATHBUN, ASO

YOU COULD SET YOUR WATCH BY HIS

ACTIONS: Rick Gregg, BLM-Alaska's state budget officer, is so precise that he aligns his chocolate chip "breakfast cookies" and eats each one in order. He reads the newspaper about the same time every day (most often near the pool in the AFOB atrium), and almost everyone in 'AK-952 knows when the Reds are running because Rick's gone fishing!

"Within the first six months of working here I attended Career Challenges training, set my goal and devised my strategy to get the budget officer's position," Rick says. "I kept taking on more and more duties in budgeting."

"When I was in the GS-12 budget analyst position, I worked in Carol's (Carol Moore was the previous state budget officer) position for a couple of months doing budget development and that added to my work experience at the GS-13 budget officer's level," he says.

Each time he volunteered and completed a detail, he rewrote his position description to reflect the quantity and quality of work he did. And Rick's strategy of volunteering and taking on budget-related tasks at higher grade levels eventually paid off.

— Ella Wright,
Alaska State Office

[what's up?]

Alaska Leadership Team Face-to-Face Meeting

June 13-14 @ Anchorage

The Alaska Leadership Team (ALT) meets every Monday morning and face-to-face about three times a year. Meeting minutes are posted at web.ak.blm.gov/alt/index.html.

North Slope Science Initiative Meeting

June 26-28 @ Fairbanks

Go to www.northslope.org to learn about the interagency efforts driving the North Slope Science Initiative and the BLM's involvement.

Required EEO Training

July 12 & 13 @ BLM-Alaska Offices

Required Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Ethics Training will be shown via satellite during these two days. Managers and supervisors need to attend a training session on Wednesday, July 12, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with a one-hour lunch break beginning at 11:30 a.m. All other employees (non-manager, non-supervisor) need to attend a training session on Thursday, July 13, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. The satellite training will be video-taped and available for those who are unable to attend the broadcast. For more information, contact your EEO office.

All-Employees Meeting

June 21 @ Anchorage Federal Building, G Module

Acting State Director Julia Dougan and others will give updates on current BLM-Alaska issues. Contact Danielle Allen at 271-3335 for more information.

Resource Advisory Council Field Trip

July 19-22 @ South NPR-A

The Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will visit the southern area of the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska to see first-hand some of the issues the BLM faces as the agency develops a multiple-use management plan for the 9.2 million-acre section in northwest Alaska. For more information, contact RAC coordinator Danielle Allen at 271-3335 or visit www.blm.gov/rac/ak/ak_index.htm

Employee Picnic & Meeting

July 26 @ Anchorage

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for this year's picnic at Hilltop Ski Area, Wednesday, July 26, from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Expect great food, a fabulous volleyball tourney, some geocaching/scavenger hunting, door prizes, and more fun and games for the whole family. We'll eat first, so don't be late! Contact your Anchorage Employee Association representative (web.ak.blm.gov/aea/index.html) to find out how you can help or purchase tickets.



External Web site address changes

Our external Web site address is now www.blm.gov/ak, which means you should update all letterhead, brochures, forms and other materials to reflect the new address. For a limited time, people using the old address, www.ak.blm.gov, will be redirected to the new site. Questions? Contact **Linda McClelland** at 271-4652.

Communications launches guidance Web site

Your boss just asked you to write a briefing paper on your division's latest issue, but you're not sure what to include or how to format the paper. Now you can find out the answers at the Office of Communications (OC) recently launched internal Web site. The OC's site includes guidance on briefing papers, Federal Register items, publications, speeches, advertising, forms and more. Go to web.ak.blm.gov/ak912/index.html



JANGALA

Alaska BLMers round up awards

Congratulations to GFO archaeologist **John Jangala**, who was named a Federal Executive Association's (FEA) outstanding employee of the year at a banquet in April. Jangala's commitment to the

protection of cultural resources and efforts consulting with Native villages are invaluable in building trust between the federal government and local communities. Jangala was nominated in Category II (technical, administrative grades 7-11).

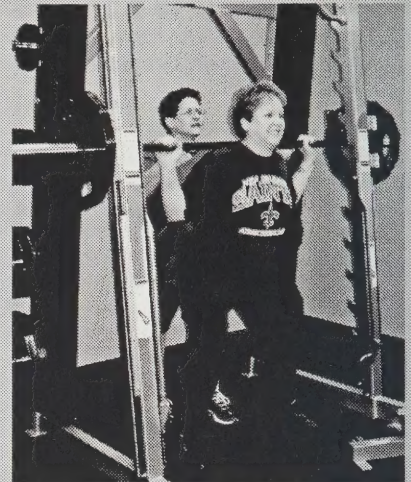
The FEA also honored AFS financial

Club Fed

NEW EQUIPMENT, TAI CHI SPRINGS UP AT FITNESS CENTER

The recently installed Smith Machine is seeing brisk use. The machine is a free-weight barbell tracking and cable system that allows members to practice their squats, lunges, bench and military presses among other things. It's being heavily promoted by trainer **Kenny Payne** and members have given a thumbs up to the machine's versatility and safety features. The fitness center committee is also reviewing results from a recent member survey that asked about equipment use.

Tai Chi classes are on hiatus until the weather warms up and the group can go outside. This ancient discipline might interest you if you're looking for a more meditative and calming approach to exercise. The 20-minute workout will also increase your muscle strength, and enhance your balance and flexibility. For more information, contact **Joette Storm** at 271-5296 or **Danielle Allen** at 271-3335.



WENDY LONGTIN, ASO

CARRIE HICKS, lead cartographic technician in the Branch of Land Records Information at the State Office, coaches safety specialist **Robin Wellhouse** to give it her all on the new Smith Machine at the Anchorage Federal Office Building fitness center.



BELTON

services chief **Veronica Belton** as a nominee at the 38th annual event. During her 23-year career with the agency, Belton has been instrumental in the development of standardized Incident

Business Management (IBM) practices now used throughout the nation by federal and state agencies. Belton was nominated in Category III (technical, journey level grades 8-12).

Kudos to public affairs specialist **Ed Bovy** who was surprised with a DOI Meritorious Service Award at the all-employees meeting in Anchorage in December. Five BLM-Alaska state directors have relied on Bovy's journalistic skills and knowledge of public affairs practices.

Speaking of state directors and a job well done, State Director **Henri Bisson** received a Secretary's Executive



BOVY



BISSON

Leadership Award during a trip to Washington, D.C., in April.

AFS Helicopter Specialist **Bob McAlpin** and his 12-dog team finished third in the Yukon Quest 300 race in February. McAlpin and

his dogs began the race Feb. 11 on the frozen banks of the Chena River in downtown Fairbanks, faced harsh weather and the 3,650-foot Eagle Summit, and ended the 300-mile trek at Circle on Feb. 14.



McALPIN

Former BLMer inducted into the Hall of Fame

Pat Lillian, former BLM Alaska State Office budget employee, of Anchorage was elected to the National Softball Hall of Fame and will be honored at a ceremony in November in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Did You Know?

Perplexed about how to develop and print Resource Management Plans? Answers are a click away at BLM-Alaska's RMP Help Web site – web.ak.blm.gov/ak930/index.html



Archaeology poster wins second prize

BLM-Alaska's 2006 Archaeology Month poster (see above) won second prize in the annual State Archaeology Month National Poster Contest held by the Society for American Archaeology (SAA). BLM state archaeologist **Robert King** accepted the award while attending the 71st annual meeting of the SAA in late April in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The award was based on voting by more than 1,000 SAA members. Posters from about half of the 50 states were in competition.

Visual information specialist **Carol Belenski**, who was the key designer, and King developed the poster with the Public Education Group of the Alaska Anthropological Association and its sponsoring agencies, some of which helped support the cost of the poster's production and distribution.

The poster celebrates the 100th anniversary of the Antiquities Act and features eight National Historic landmarks in Alaska that are among the state's most significant historic and prehistoric sites. One of the eight is the BLM-managed Fort Egbert at Eagle, which is the last-standing frontier-era fort on BLM lands in the nation. Copies of the poster are available for free at BLM offices in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Glennallen while supplies last.

Visitor center receives national award

The Arctic Interagency Visitor Center in Coldfoot received a third place award for exhibits inside the center during a National Association for Interpretation's workshop last fall. There were 15 projects submitted in the category. The award recognizes the close cooperation between the BLM, National Park Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service staff who worked together to develop and design the exhibits. **Lenore Heppler**, who is now field manager for the Eastern Interior Field Office, was the project coordinator and **Rodd Moretz** was the lead engineer.

Benefits-based planning begins at GFO

GFO outdoor recreation planner Cory Larson presented five benefits-based planning meetings earlier this year to collect travel management concerns for the Tangle Lakes Archaeological District. The benefits-based planning approach was included in revisions to the BLM Land Use Planning Handbook published in March 2005. Benefits-based planning directs recreation managers to focus on outcomes — how people's lives are enhanced from experiences on the public lands. Previously, the BLM used an activities-based model — how many people were doing what kinds of activities and how to manage for those activities. This approach often resulted in



MARNIE GRAHAM, GFO

Glennallen

IF YOU WERE A TREE, WHAT KIND OF TREE WOULD YOU BE?: Glennallen Field Office's **Ben Seifert** and **Denton Hamby** play "Name that Tree" with fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders at this year's Copper River Basin Earth Discovery Day in April.



LEMITCHEL KING, NTC

Pathways

BUILDING BLMERS: Six BLM-Alaska employees attended Pathways at the National Training Center in Phoenix in May (yes, it was hot!). Pathways is a national BLM orientation targeting employees with 3-5 years of service, however all permanent employees are eligible to attend. Acting Secretary of the Interior Lynn Scarlett spoke to the graduates about the "Compass of Personal Excellence." Pictured (left to right) are: **Paul Bartschi**, **Melissa Ainsworth**, **Leah Dailey**, Scarlett, BLM-Alaska's Acting State Director **Julia Dougan** and **Jason Robinson**. **Britney Breaud** and **Ruth Egnaty** were also at the training.

changes to public land settings, and displaced some residents and visitors from those settings. The GFO meetings were the first benefits-based planning efforts by BLM-Alaska and included Native consultation.

Did You Know?

Lotus Notes Tip #27: Only YOU can update your Lotus Notes personal information, so keep it current. Find out how at web.ak.blm.gov/tips/notespersonupdate.html

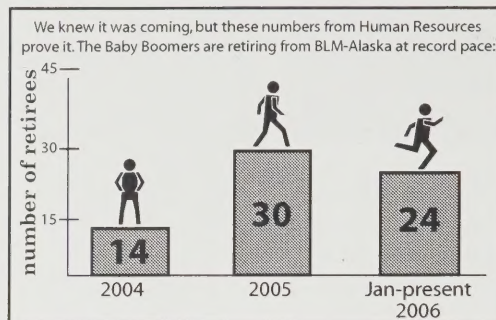
[comings & goings]

Details, new jobs keep BLMers on the move

It seems like everyone is retiring (see "by the numbers" box), but there are other personnel trends that have been making things interesting lately at BLM-Alaska – people are going on details or leaving to work elsewhere. Here are a few of the recent major moves:

- State Director **Henri Bisson** is on temporary six-month detail as the Utah State Director starting after Memorial Day. Bisson assures us that he IS returning to Alaska, and we should ignore any rumors otherwise! The Utah detail will keep him busy this summer, but his plans are to return to Anchorage every other weekend to be with family and touch base on active BLM-Alaska issues. Associate State Director **Julia Dougan** is the Acting State Director. **John Mehlhoff**, Oklahoma Field Office Manager, will be serving as acting associate beginning in mid-June.

- Anchorage Field Manager **Gary Reimer** reported to Utah as Acting Field Manager in mid-May. **Mike**



Zaidlicz is the acting manager and **Mark Fullmer** is the acting associate field manager at AFO.

- Energy and Solid Minerals DSD **Colleen McCarthy** left the BLM in May to work at CH2M Hill's Anchorage office. **Bob Fisk** is Acting DSD.

- Communications Chief **Jody Weil** reports to Portland in early July to assume the duties of Office of Communications Deputy State Director for BLM Oregon/Washington.

- AFS public affairs specialist **Kevin McIver** starts his new role as supervisory public affairs officer with

the Army at Fort Benning, Ga., in mid-June.

- Planning specialist **Susan Childs** is taking a position with Shell in Anchorage in early June.

- Interior has also had some key departures and arrivals. **Hans Neidig** of Wasilla was selected as Special Assistant to the Secretary for Alaska to fill the vacant post after **Cam Toohey** left earlier this year to work for Shell. Neidig, whose diverse background



NEIDIG

includes fighting wildland fires with BLM's Alaska Fire Service for five years, begins in early June. Interior Secretary **Gale Norton** left the Department in March after five years of service. Norton was the first woman to hold the post and the 48th Secretary of the Interior. The Senate confirmed Gov. **Dirk Kempthorne** as the 49th Secretary of the Interior in late May.

In Memoriam

Friends share memories of Carol's wit and charm

Carol Thrash, dear friend to Alaska BLMers and secretary for the Associate State Director, died in February after struggling with pancreatic cancer for almost five months. She was 64. Friends (who were also her coworkers) shared their memories during a ceremony filled with laughter and tears at the Anchorage Federal Office Building in early March. Associate State Director **Julia Dougan** spoke about Carol's strong faith and said that although Carol lived the life of a Baptist minister's wife, if Carol had been born to a more recent generation, she would have been the spiritual leader. Many friends commented how Carol always made time for them and touched their hearts with her Southern warmth and humor. In addition to donations for Carol's family that were collected at the State Office, the Statewide Administrative Team (SWAT) made a donation to Hospice, and many friends bought Circle of Hope bracelets, which raises money for cancer



TERRY SMITH, ASO

ALASKA STATE OFFICE EMPLOYEE CAROL THRASH, whose Southern wit and charm touched all who passed through the State Director's office, died in February after a five-month battle with pancreatic cancer.

research. GSA donated beverages for the memorial service and the Anchorage Employee Association provided cake in memory of Carol who was the group's first president.

The following is excerpted from the Feb. 24, 2006, issue of The (Biloxi, Miss.) Sun Herald newspaper:

For the last 20 years of her life, Carol was a career Federal Employee. She worked for several Department of Defense organizations, including one in Bangkok, Thailand, and one in Frankfurt, Germany, and two VA hospitals. She often said that the most enjoyable and productive jobs she had in the federal system were the ones at the VA Hospital in Tampa, Fla., and the last two jobs she had, which were for the Department of Interior's Minerals Management Service (MMS) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Anchorage, Alaska. Her friends at MMS and the BLM were extremely supportive during her illness, contributing their own leave time so that Carol would continue to be paid until her death. Her good friend and coworker, **Terry Smith**, accompanied Carol when she flew to St. Louis for surgery. Terry returned just a couple of weeks before Carol's death to give her the best wishes from all of her MMS and BLM friends in Anchorage.

[comings & goings]

The following *full-time, permanent employee personnel actions* as provided by Human Resource Management since Nov. 1, 2005 to Feb. 28, 2006:

COMINGS

Leah Dailey, ASO, editorial assistant
Jeff Duhrsen, AFO, field staff law enforcement ranger
Julia Jackson, AFO, secretary
Larry Jackson, Eastern Interior Field Office, natural resource specialist
David Krantz, ASO, land law examiner
Kara Marciniac, ASO, land law examiner
Ian Thruangsnga, ASO, administrative officer
Rhonda Williams, JPO, operations and maintenance specialist
Anne Wood, ASO, land law examiner
Leslie Wood, Juneau Minerals Information Center, library technician
Hillary Woods, ASO, legal instruments examiner

GOINGS

Taylor Brelsford, ASO, subsistence coordinator
Gloria Chavez, ASO, human resources assistant
Layne Clark, AFS, fire support assistant
Matt Cnudde, AFS, supervisory supply systems analyst
Tony Davis, AFS, electronic mechanic
Andi Falsetto, ASO, writer/editor
Joseph Frisone, AFS, materials handler
Andrew Heikkinen, ASO, land surveyor
Shellye Poster, ASO, editorial assistant
David Sileo, ASO, supervisory information management specialist
Lise Wall, AFS, aircraft dispatcher
Deidra Williams, AFS, aircraft dispatcher

RETIREES

Years of Federal service are noted in parentheses.

Nora Benson, ASO, land law examiner (36)
Nancy Brainerd, ASO, human resources assistant/employee development (24)
Rick Briggs, AFS, IT specialist (17)
Marcia Cowen, ASO, mineral law specialist (33)
Laura Davis, AFS, fire support assistant (33)
Donald Erickson, AFS, supply technician (22)
Lori FitzSimons, ASO, land law examiner (36)
Wallace Griffin, AFS, supervisory pilot (17)
Kevin Henry, AFS, equipment maintenance section chief (29)
Daniel Johnson, ASO, field survey branch chief (30)
Jim Kimbal, AFS, training development officer (25)
Jon Kostohrys, Eastern Interior Field Office, hydrologist (25)
Donald Meares, Arctic Field Office, natural resource specialist (31)
Nancy Pooley, ASO, human resources specialist (30)
Robert Posey, ASO, special agent (35)
Patricia Roberts, AFS, fire support assistant (6)
Martin Scharf, AFS, dispatcher (22)
Mike Scott, AFO, fisheries biologist (28)
Howard Smith, Central Yukon Field Office, archaeologist (30)
John Toms, ASO, land surveyor (36)
Van Waggoner, AFO, wildlife biologist (30)

INTERNAL MOVES

CONVERSIONS

Paul Bartschi, ASO, GIS specialist
Paul Fuselier, ASO, cartographic technician
Marnie Graham, GFO, public affairs specialist
Alissa Varrati, ASO, contract specialist



LUISE WOELFLEIN, CCSC

Campbell Creek Science Center

VAN-THE-MAN: A sailor at heart and a wannabe pirate, wildlife biologist **Van Waggoner** retired in March after 30 years with the BLM.

Donna Wixon, Arctic Field Office, natural resource specialist

TEMPORARY

Chuck Denton, AFO, supervisory physical scientist
Corey Doolin, AFS, IT specialist
K J Mushovic, ASO, supervisory realty specialist
Tracy Nicholson, AFS, lead fire support assistant
Barbara Sylte, AFS, financial services supervisor

PERMANENT

Rob Allen, AFS, supervisory forestry tech (smokejumper)
Jenny Anderson, ASO, land law examiner
Mary Bertini, ASO, contract specialist
Marlene Cameron, ASO, budget analyst
Kevan Cooper, Central Yukon Field Office, realty specialist
Steven Davis, Eastern Interior Field Office, maintenance worker
Ben Dobrovolny, AFS, forestry tech (smokejumper)
Ana Dominguez, ASO, land law examiner

Kelly Egger, AFS, program analyst

Debra Erben, ASO, land law examiner
Renee Fencel, ASO, land law examiner
Bob Fisk, ASO, associate deputy state director
Eileen Ford, ASO, land law examiner
Vince Galterio, ASO, administrative officer (support services)
Anthony Gholson, AFS, forestry tech (smokejumper)
Rick Gregg, ASO, state budget officer
Candy Grimes, ASO, land law examiner
Michael Harmening, ASO, land surveyor
Bo Harris, AFS, facility management specialist
Suvina Holmes, ASO, land law examiner

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Alaska People is distributed internally every quarter to BLM-Alaska employees and through the mail to former and retired Alaska BLMers. If you or someone you know is a former or retired Alaska BLMer who wants to receive Alaska People, please fill in the form and mail it in, or email or call us with the information.

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* If you're a **retired or former BLM Alaska employee**, we'd love to hear from you! Send us a note or email and let us know how you're doing.



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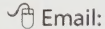
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CORRECTION

In the November/December 2005 issue of Alaska People, we incorrectly stated the year that Roy Walker, former BLM-Alaska EEO manager, died. Roy died in August 2004.



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